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1. SUMMARY: ROMANIAN PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU CONCLUDED FOUR DAY VISIT HERE JUNE 11. VISIT CHARACTERIZED BY LESS STRIDENT TONE IN PUBLIC TOASTS AND COMMENTS THAN HAS BEEN THE CASE DURING RECENT VISITS OF OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRY LEADERS AND BY GREATER SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT. ELEVEN AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED; TWO JOINT STATEMENTS (A "SOLEMN DECLARATION" AND A COMMUNIQUE) WERE ISSUED; AND THE TWO PRESIDENTS HELD A JOINT NEWS CONFERENCE SHORTLY BEFORE CEAUSESCU'S DEPARTURE. CEAUSESCU FIELDLED ONE QUESTION ON NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE BUT JOIN STATEMENTS OMITTED MENTION OF IT. CEAUSESCU LABELED HIS MEETING WITH LEADERS OF SPANISH OPPOSITION JUNTA DEMOCRATICA "PROTOCOLARY". HE DID NOT SEIZE OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED HIM TO ENDORSE ECHEVERRIA CANDIDACY FOR UN SECRETARY

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GENERAL. END SUMMARY:

2. FOUR DAY (JUNE 7-11) VISIT OF ROMANIAN PRESIDENT NICOLAE CEAUSESCU (PARTS SAME AS GIVEN IN REF) PROVIDED SOME CONTRAST TO RECENT VISITS OF THIRD WORLD LEADERS. THE TONE OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND STATEMENTS IN GENERAL BEING LESS STRIDENT THAN ON SOME OTHER OCCASIONS.

3. ROMANIAN AND MEXICO SIGNED ELEVEN AGREEMENTS:

- FOUR FOR COOPERATION IN: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, CINEMATOGRAPHIC EXCHANGE, TOURISM, AND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL FIELD (BY FOR SECS RABASA AND MACOVESCU);

- ONE FOR FORESTRY AND AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION; (BY AGRIC SEC BRAUER AND VICE PRIME MINISTER OPREA);

- ONE FOR COOPERATION IN MANUFACTURING; (BY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE SEC CAMPILLO AND OPREA);

- FIVE FOR COOPERATION ON NUCLEAR ENERGY, MACHINE CONSTRUCTION, MINING, ENERGY EQUIPMENT, AND PETROLEUM AND PETROCHEMICALS (BY NATIONAL PROPERTIES SECRETARY ALEJO AND OPREA).

4. JOINT "SOLEMN DECLARATION" (APPROXIMATELY 3500 WORDS) IS ENDORSEMENT OF PRINCIPLES TAKEN UN CHARTER, DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES. IT ALSO CALLS FOR GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT, ESPECIALLY NUCLEAR, AND FOR THE "DISAPPEARANCE OF FOREIGN MILITARY BASES AND MILITARY BLOCS." DENUCLEARIZED ZONE IN BALKANS IS ALSO ENDORSED.

5. SLIGHTLY SHORTER JOINT COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSES COMMON VIEWS ON:

- MIDDLE EAST (UN ROLE STRESSED)
- AFRICAN DECOLONIALIZATION - (APARTHEID CONDEMNED)
- INDOCHINA - END OF WAR NOTED WITH SATISFACTION, "PEOPLE OF REGION FINALLY OBTAINED PEACE AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE").

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COMMUNIQUE NOTED ECHEVERRIA ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT ROMANIA, WITH DATE TO BE FIXED LATER.

6. ASKED IN PRESS CONFERENCE ABOUT HIS PRIVATE MEETING WITH WIDOW OF SALVADOR ALLENDE AND LEADERS OF SPANISH OPPOSITION JUNTA DEMOCRATICA, CEAUSESCU LABELED THE ENCOUNTER "PROTOCOLARY". ASKED BY ROMANIAN CORRESPONDENT RESIDENT

IN MEXICO EDMUNDO SIEGLER (TO WHOM ECHEVERRIA HAS GRANTED MEXICAN NATIONALITY) WHAT HE THOUGHT OF THE "PERSONALITY AND STYLE" OF ECHEVERRIA, CEAUSCU REPLIED POLITELY AND WITH RESTRAINT. QUESTION ON NON-ALIGNED ANSWERED WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE BOILER-PLATE RESPONSE.

7. COMMENT:

A. RELATIVE LACK OF POLEMICS AIMED AT US WAS CHARACTERISTIC ALSO OF RECENT VISIT OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR OF SENEGAL, WHO LIKE CEAUSCU, TRAVELED FROM MEXICO TO US. LATIN HERITAGE ALSO PROVIDED THEME APART FROM USUAL THIRD WORLD ONES. THE AMBASSADOR'S REPRESENTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT MAY HAVE BEEN A FACTOR AS WELL (SEE MEXICO 4551)

B. QUESTION ABOUT ECHEVERRIA (PARA 6) MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO GIVE CEAUSCU OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT FAVORABLY ON UNOFFICIAL ECHEVERRIA CANDIDACY FOR UN SECRETARY GENERALSHIP, THE SUBJECT OF ATTENTION HERE DURING THE LAST WEEK. IF SO, CEAUSCU REFUSED THE BAIT.

C. CEAUSCU VISIT PRECEDED DURING LAST SIX MONTHS BY VISIT ON MEXICAN PRESIDENCY SECRETARY CERVANTES DEL RIO TO ROMANIA AND FORMIN MACOVESCU HERE LAST NOVEMBER. THOROUGH GROUNDWORK OBVIOUSLY PREPARED WAY FOR UNUSUALLY SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT TO VISIT.

D. NEITHER JOINT STATEMENTS REFERS TO ROAMANIAN WISH FOR OBSERVER STATUS AT AUGUST 1975 LIMA MINISTERIAL OF NON-ALIGNED.

E. WHEN AMBASSADOR JOVA AND BILL LUERS CALLED UPON PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, JUNE 12, THE PRESIDENT COMMENTED THAT HE HAD CONFIDENTIAL

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BEEN IMPRESSED BY ROMANIA'S "ENERGETIC SEARCH" FOR INDEPENDENCE FROM THE USSR. HE AND MRS. ECHEVERRIA HAD FOUND MRS. CEAUSCU MOST IMPRESSIVE IN HER COMMAND OF POLITICAL ISSUES AND INFLUENCE ON HER HUSBAND. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE ROMANIANS HAD URGED MEXICAN PURCHASE OF ROMANIAN TRACTORS; THE MEXICANS AGREED TO TRY OUT A FEW.

F. IN A LATER CALL, UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS GALLASTEGUI SAID THAT MEXICO HAD A FEW ROMANIAN TRACTORS BUT HE DOUBTED THAT THEY WOULD BUY MORE SINCE HE UNDERSTOOD THAT MAINTENANCE AND SPARE PARTS CREATED SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR OTHERS WHO HAVE PURCHASED THE TRACTORS. GALLASTEGUI ALSO SAID ROMANIANS WERE THE "TOUGHEST AND MOST DEVIOUS" NEGOTIATORS HE HAD EVER ENCOUNTERED. NEGOTIATIONS HAD CAUSED MORE FRUSTRATION THAN CONTACT WITH THE SOVIETS. GALLASTEGUI

ALSO NOTED THAT THE ROMANIANS HAD PUSHED FOR "COMPLETE
SUPPORT" FOR ALL ROMANIAN POLICIES.
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